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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an equine industry development commission  
2 and related fund, and providing an effective date.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 175B.1 DEFINITIONS.  
1 2 1. "Commission" means the equine industry development  
1 3 commission established pursuant to section 175B.2.  
1 4 2. "Department" means the department of agriculture and  
1 5 land stewardship.  
1 6 3. "Fund" means the equestrian industry development fund  
1 7 created pursuant to section 175B.6.  
1 8 4. "Secretary" means the secretary of agriculture.  
1 9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 175B.2 EQUINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT  
1 10 COMMISSION.  
1 11 1. An equine industry development commission is  
1 12 established within the department.  
1 13 2. The commission shall be composed of the following  
1 14 members:  
1 15 a. Three nonvoting, ex officio members who shall include  
1 16 all of the following:  
1 17 (1) The bureau chief of the horse and dog bureau of the  
1 18 department of agriculture and land stewardship, or the bureau  
1 19 chief's designee.  
1 20 (2) The head of the department of animal science of the  
1 21 college of agriculture at Iowa state university or that  
1 22 person's designee.  
1 23 (3) A member of the prairie meadows racetrack and casino  
1 24 board of directors who is appointed by the board.  
1 25 b. Eleven voting members who shall be appointed by the  
1 26 governor and confirmed by the senate pursuant to section 2.32.  
1 27 The voting members must be presently actively engaged or have  
1 28 long been actively engaged in providing for the care and  
1 29 management of equines, including breeds of equine common in  
1 30 this state. Eight of the members shall be actively engaged in  
1 31 areas of equine expertise, which shall include at least all of  
1 32 the following:  
1 33 (1) Racing or speed events, which may include  
1 34 quarterhorse, thoroughbred, or harness racing.  
1 35 (2) Ring or arena events or judging competitions, which  
2 1 may include shows, exhibitions, rodeos, or other contests.  
2 2 (3) Recreational activities, which may include trail  
2 3 riding.  
2 4 (4) Activities which involve pulling wagons, carts,  
2 5 carriages, or agricultural equipment or implements.  
2 6 (5) Ranching activities such as herding and roping  
2 7 livestock.  
2 8 (6) Breeding equine.  
2 9 (7) Support services providing for routine care and  
2 10 management, which may include auctioneers, stables, trainers,  
2 11 tack dealers, feed dealers, or farriers.  
2 12 (8) The practice of veterinary medicine.  
2 13 3. The governor shall appoint the voting members. The  
2 14 governor shall consider nominations submitted by organizations  
2 15 representing areas of equine expertise as certified by the  
2 16 department according to requirements of the department.  
2 17 Appointments of voting members are subject to the requirements  
2 18 of sections 69.16 and 69.16A. In addition, the appointments

2 19 shall be geographically balanced. Unless the governor  
2 20 determines that it is not feasible, at least one person  
2 21 appointed as a voting member shall reside in each of the  
2 22 state's congressional districts at the time of appointment.

2 23 4. The voting members shall serve five-year terms  
2 24 beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. However,  
2 25 the governor shall appoint initial members to serve for less  
2 26 than five years to ensure members serve staggered terms. A  
2 27 member is eligible for reappointment. A vacancy on the  
2 28 commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the  
2 29 regular term in the same manner as regular appointments are  
2 30 made.

2 31 5. The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its  
2 32 voting members each year on a rotating basis as provided by  
2 33 the commission. The commission shall meet on a regular basis  
2 34 and at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request  
2 35 to the chairperson of five or more voting members.

3 1 6. Members are not entitled to receive compensation but  
3 2 shall receive reimbursement of expenses from the department as  
3 3 provided in section 7E.6.

3 4 7. Six voting members constitute a quorum and the  
3 5 affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present  
3 6 is necessary for any substantive action to be taken by the  
3 7 commission. The majority shall not include any member who has  
3 8 a conflict of interest and a statement by a member that the  
3 9 member has a conflict of interest is conclusive for this  
3 10 purpose. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the  
3 11 duties of the commission.

3 12 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 175B.3 COMMISSION'S MISSION.

3 13 The commission is the principal public organization devoted  
3 14 to promoting the collective interests of the state's equine  
3 15 industry. The commission's mission is to establish, improve,  
3 16 and expand best management practices, preserve and enhance  
3 17 equine breeds, and promote equestrian businesses and  
3 18 activities in this state in order to create and capitalize  
3 19 upon economic opportunities, improve the environment, and  
3 20 enhance the health and quality of life for Iowans.

3 21 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 175B.4 COMMISSION DUTIES.

3 22 In carrying out its mission, as provided in section 175B.3,  
3 23 the commission may do all of the following:

3 24 1. Monitor the equine industry in this state, including  
3 25 conditions, practices, policies, programs, and regulations  
3 26 affecting the equine industry, and periodically advise the  
3 27 secretary regarding its findings and recommendations or  
3 28 proposals. In monitoring the equine industry, the commission  
3 29 may conduct surveys, sponsor meetings or public hearings,  
3 30 collect data, cooperate with interested private or public  
3 31 organizations, and consult with persons actively engaged in  
3 32 improving or expanding the equine industry.

3 33 2. Initiate or support programs or projects which enhance  
3 34 the care and management of equines. The programs or projects  
3 35 may include establishing, improving, or expanding continuing  
4 1 education, clinical services, and diagnostic and therapeutic  
4 2 techniques. The commission may provide technical assistance  
4 3 to owners, trainers, stables, veterinarians, and farriers and  
4 4 assist businesses that provide for equine services, including  
4 5 auctioneers, tack dealers, and feed dealers.

4 6 3. Provide for educational and promotional events and  
4 7 materials, including strategies to increase the public  
4 8 awareness of equine breeds, equine events and activities, the  
4 9 value of equine ownership, and traditions associated with  
4 10 equines and equestrians, especially among families and young  
4 11 persons.

4 12 4. Assist in the establishment, improvement, or expansion  
4 13 of private and public equestrian infrastructure, including but  
4 14 not limited to stables, training schools, recreational trails,  
4 15 historic farms, and spectator facilities.

4 16 5. Assist state and local governments when considering  
4 17 legislative or administrative measures which impact the equine  
4 18 industry.

4 19 a. The commission may advise the department when it adopts  
4 20 rules relating to the equine industry and may recommend model  
4 21 ordinances and regulations pertaining to zoning and the care  
4 22 and custody of equines.

4 23 b. The commission shall not expend moneys on a political  
4 24 issue, activity, or candidate. It may comment upon  
4 25 legislation but shall not directly or indirectly attempt to  
4 26 influence the passage of legislation.

4 27 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 175B.5 DEPARTMENT DUTIES.

4 28 The department shall assist the commission in carrying out  
4 29 its mission as provided in section 175B.3 by doing all of the

4 30 following:

4 31 1. Furnishing facilities, supplies, and clerical  
4 32 assistance.

4 33 2. Executing contracts with or awarding moneys for  
4 34 programs or projects as provided in section 175B.4.

4 35 3. Administering the equestrian industry development fund  
5 1 as provided in section 175B.6.

5 2 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 175B.6 EQUESTRIAN INDUSTRY  
5 3 DEVELOPMENT FUND.

5 4 1. An equestrian industry development fund is created in  
5 5 the state treasury under the control of the department. The  
5 6 fund is composed of moneys appropriated by the general  
5 7 assembly and moneys available to and obtained or accepted by  
5 8 the department from the United States or private sources for  
5 9 placement in the fund.

5 10 2. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department  
5 11 exclusively to assist the commission in carrying out its  
5 12 duties as provided in section 175B.4.

5 13 3. Section 8.33 shall not apply to moneys in the fund.  
5 14 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, moneys earned as income or  
5 15 interest from the fund shall remain in the fund until expended  
5 16 as provided in this section.

5 17 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on February  
5 18 1, 2007.

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